



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2006

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Administrative Business

Chair Harvey Klein called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Les Glessner (LSA) made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes, seconded by Vinny Makfinsky (JMEUC) and the minutes were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Laboratory Certification Program: Rachel Werner (NJDEP-OQA) stated renewal applications were mailed last week. New parameters including 8270 SIM and oxygenates were listed on a separate sheet. Marty Hackman (NJDEP-OQA) stated there would not be PTs for 8270 SIM but a lab must maintain an SOP and an MDL study.

PT program: Suspension letters for June/Dec. failures were mailed. Labs have 30 days to contest. WW study payment is due by 4/17. All labs must use the state contract for PTs. Rachel will no longer call labs that do not send checks. PO#s are acceptable. S&HW study opens 4/17. Letters for the failed January study will be sent 4/21. The make-up study is scheduled for July 10.

NELAC/INELA Update: No Update

NJQL's: The Subcommittee proposal was submitted to the Department. The NJQL proposal was submitted to legal for review.

Bioassay: No report

Sludge (Biosolids): Anthony Pilawski (DEP BPR) stated:

Sludge Guidance document was emailed to user labs looking for feedback from volunteer labs.

1,2 diphenylhydrazine was not previously a certified compound under 8270. It was added to the parameter list in the new certification cycle (see new compounds table).

SQAR is ready to readopt. Has not been proposed yet.

Communications and OQA Website: Harvey Klein (GSL) reported the last update on the webpage is 11/05. Asked for an update to include the NJQL subcommittee proposal.

Old Business

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) stated the afternoon session of the drinking water roundtable on 3/17 would cover 2 subjects:

- 2 new forms for Bac-T
- New Radionuclide Form

PWTA Update: John Shevlin (NJDEP-BSDW) reported a pilot program with 7 or 8 labs would begin Monday March 13 for the new database system. A roundtable is scheduled for March 17 (breakfast will be served) from 9am to 4pm in the hearing room on the 1st Floor. The morning session will cover the new software (spreadsheet or XML) which must be uploaded to the system. May 1st is the most likely implementation date. June 1st is the expiration date for the maintenance contract on the current system. PWTA labs must resubmit forms for a PIN #. SDWA Department will have a voluntary implementation of the same system.

John stated the Perchlorate rule is under legal review. Steve Doughty of the BSDW is the lead on the Perchlorate rule.

Site Remediation/NJ Groundwater Quality Standards: Tom Cady (HC-V) reporting for GWQS sub-committee chair Carl Ambruster stated the sub-committee held a conference call and will forward a table of problem compounds to Gary Czock (NJDPE-SRP) & Mary Anne Kuserk (NJDEP-BGWPA). Gary indicated after receipt of the problem compound table The Department will post a FAQ, which will address the issues explained on the internal white paper. Mike Lordson (APL) presented a letter from a Case Manager which specified methods 200.8, 200.9 and 6010 must be used for Lead. Gary & Mary Anne iterated that the GWQS are not method prescriptive; any method that meets the standard may be utilized. Internal training has been held with the Case Managers to stress this point. Should this issue arise, the lab may refer the client to Kevin Cortina (**sp?**). Greg Tomkovich (Accutest) and Harvey Klein (GSL) stated the TBA PQL of 2 PPB cannot be met. It was requested that someone from OQA attend the April meeting to discuss TBA. Dan Miguel (Accredited Labs) asked if the MDL was set-up as an individual run or as part of a group run. Gary Czock stated the interim policy number was 12. The GWQS is 100 (Health based Standard)

Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-ODQ) reported the revised Tech Regs are less than 2 years away. For storage purposes, The Department is looking for an electronic report format. Harvey Klein (GSL) stated pdf report would be good.

Greg stated the TPH Action Level might differ per class of product. An alternative method will be proposed within the next month. This method will be communicated to the user community via newsletter and the ELAC committee. Tom Cady (HC-V) requested that lab certification issues be considered prior to implementation. Phil Worby (QC Labs) stated that method 418.1 for the analysis of soils was an uncertified method for years. He asked if The Department would accept this method as an uncertified method. Greg Toffoli indicated Site Remediation would most likely not accept method 418.1.

New Business: None Stated

Lab Certification Fee Proposal: No Update

There were not any other new issues. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for 09:30 AM on April 13, 2006 – 5th Floor Conference Room.

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